Recommendations of National Commission for Rural Labour

777. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations made by the National Commission for Rural Labour;

(b) if so, the decisions taken thereon and steps being taken to implement the same; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) be in negative the reasons for the delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Rural Labour have made wide ranging recommendations including several legislative measures. Their implementation involves a large number of Ministries/Departments. The recommendations directly concerning various Ministries have been forwarded to them for examination and appropriate decisions.

(c) Does not arise.

बछावत आयोग की सिफारिश

778. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या पत्रकारों के वेतन सम्बन्धी बछावत आयोग की सिफारिशों को पूरी तरह से कार्यान्वित कर दिया गया है और किन-किन सिफारिशों को कार्यान्वित नहीं किया जा सका और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर): जी, नहीं। बछावत वेतन बोर्ड की सिफारिशों के कार्यान्वयन का दायित्व राज्य सरकारों पर है। राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से प्राप्त अद्यतन सूचना के अनुसार 1670 समाचारपत्र प्रतिष्ठानों में से 556 ने बछावत वेतन बोर्ड की सिफारिशों को पूरी तरह, 49 ने अंशत कार्यान्वित किया है और 1065 ने अभी तक इसको कार्यान्वित नहीं किया है। अधिकांश राज्यों द्वारा सिफारिशों का कार्यान्वयन नहीं किये जाने का कारण यह बताया गया है कि उनके पास वित्त की कमी है और बछावत पंचाट के विरुद्ध अनेक रिट याचिकायें दायर हैं और उच्चतम न्यायालय में लंबित हैं।

Pension to Working Journalists

779. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 128 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th March, 91 and state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Trustees on E.P.F. with whom the report of the Expert Group on the question of grant of pension to working journalists, was pending has considered the proposals contained in the report; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The CBT have considered the report of the Expert Group and recommended to the Government a pension scheme for all P.F. subscribers including working journalists. The Scheme provides for payment of pension in the contingencies of Superannuation, retirement and permanent disablement/death in service.

Child labour in the country

780. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of child labour in the country at the outset of the Independence and at the end of 1988-89; and

(b) what was the average allocation during this period for child labour welfare?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a)